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SUBJECT:LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JANUARY 6, 1975
FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO SENATOR KENNEDY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR TED: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF
DECEMBER 19 AND FOR YOUR VIEWS AND THOSE OF SENATORS FONG,
MATHIAS, AND HART ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THE ROLE
THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PLAY IN IT. HAPPILY, IT APPEARS
THAT WE SHARE MANY VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION. IN PARTICULAR,
WE SHARE YOUR DEEP CONCERN FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES
AND BELIEVE THAT RESOLUTION OF THIS TRAGIC HUMAN PROBLEM
IS CENTRAL TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND TO ANY MEANINGFUL
NEGOTIATIONS ON A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. LIKEWISE, WE
BELIEVE THAT THE QUESTION OF TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWALS
WILL BE PART OF ANY SETTLEMENT AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS MUST
BE WORKED OUT AMONG THE PARTIES INVOLVED WHICH WILL
PRESERVE CYPRUS' SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRI-
TORIAL INTEGRITY AND ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS TO LIVE
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TOGETHER IN PEACE AND SECURITY.

OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, FROM THE OUTSET OF THE CRISIS, HAS BEEN TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THESE URGENT QUESTIONS. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH ALL THE PARTIES TO THIS END,

ENCOURAGED FLEXIBILITY AND MODERATION, AND SUPPORTED VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS URGING THE PARTIES TO MAKE EARLY PROGRESS ON THE REFUGEE AND TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUES.

FORTUNATELY, SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN RECENT WEEKS TOWARD GETTING SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY. I HAD GOOD TALKS IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 11-13 WITH THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH LED IN TURN TO THE RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON CYPRUS ON DECEMBER 19. THEY ARE NOW WORKING TO RESOLVE ONE FINAL POINT SO THAT POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN. IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, I BELIEVE WE HAVE PROGRESSED BEYOND THE POINT WHERE GESTURES ARE NEEDED AS A MEANS OF GETTING NEGOTIATIONS LAUNCHED. HOWEVER, A CONCILIATORY APPROACH BY ALL PARTIES AND THE CREATION OF A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE REMAIN AS IMPORTANT AS EVER TO SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS. WE WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE ALL PARTIES TO MAKE WHATEVER CONTRIBUTIONS THEY CAN TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE AND TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, WHILE WE CAN TAKE AND ADVOCATE POSITIONS ON SOME ISSUES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THE PROCESS MOVING WITHOUT OURSELVES GETTING IN THE MIDDLE PREMATURELY WITH SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT BOTH FROM A HUMANITARIAN AND PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, WE AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RE-OPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT. MY TALKS LED TO AGREEMENT THAT THIS WILL BE A PRIORITY AGENDA ITEM ONCE NEGOTIATIONS GET UNDERWAY, AND THERE ARE GOOD PROSPECTS THAT INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPERATING THE AIRPORT CAN BE WORKED OUT AND AGREED UPON WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY.

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IN CLOSING, I WOULD WELCOME AND APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO FACILITATE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THIS TROUBLESOME AND DEEPLY ROOTED HISTORICAL PROBLEM. LET ME ALSO THANK YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CYPRUS REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORT. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN, AS YOU APTLY PUT IT, A "TANGIBLE EXPRESSION

OF AMERICA'S TRADITIONAL GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION OVERSEAS", AND WE FULLY INTEND TO EXPRESS OUR CONTINUING CONCERN FOR THE REFUGEES IN CYPRUS THROUGH FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS, AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, TO THE RELIEF EFFORT. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

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